

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Toshio MIKIYA et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW : **Attorney Docket No. 2003\_0973A**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application  
as follows: